

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending application.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-18 and 38 are pending in the application. Claims 9-18 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1 and 38 have been amended.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Richard Thill at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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